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Inventor application of: **Beukema et al.**

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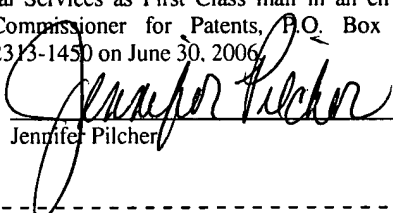
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For: **Apparatus and Method for  
Implementing Multicast on a System Area  
Network Channel Adapter**

§ Group Art Unit: **2151**  
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§ Examiner: **Walsh, John B.**  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Final Office Action of May 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.